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4. The soil conservation work is at present executed by obtaining agreements from the cultivators and the expenditure on the works is initially met by the State Government. The Government of India are paying a grant of 12½ per cent of the cost of soil conservation work and work-charged establishment and 50 per cent of the cost of afforestation, while the State Government also contribute a similar share of expenditure. In addition, the State Government bears 90 per cent of the cost of the machinery and tools used for the scheme, which is on indirect subsidy paid to the ryots for the execution of soil conservation works. It may thus be seen that the ryot pays only 75 per cent of the cost of the soil conservation work and work charged staff, the entire cost of non-work-charged staff and contingencies and 10 per cent of the cost of machinery used in the schemes. Even this share of the ryot is recovered from him only in 20 equated annual instalments commencing after two years from the date of completion of the work.

The Madras Land Improvement Schemes Act, 1959, which contemplates execution of soil conservation work in the State by legislative measures has since been brought into force and it is hoped that under this Act the entire extent of waste lands in this State will be brought under cultivation by adopting the required measures under the soil conservation programme.

APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to the starred question No. 519 asked by Sri K. Vinayakam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 2nd March 1961, on page 19 supra.]

Statement showing the division-war particulars of number of fair price shops for rice functioning in Madras City.

Division number.	Number of shops.	Division number.	Number of shops.	Division number.	Number of shop s.
1	1	15	Nil.	29	Nil.
2	1	16	1	30	2
3	1	17	1	31	1
4	1	18	1	32	2
5	1	19	1	33	1
6	1	20	1	34	1
7	1	21	Nil.	35	1
8	2	22	1	36	I
9	1	23	1	37	1
10	1	24	Nil.	38	1
11	1	25	1	39	1
12	Nil.	26	1	40	1
13	1	27	1	41	Nil.
14	Nil.	28	Nil.	42	1

Division number.	Number of shops.	Division number.	Number of shops.	Division number.	Number of shops.
43	1	63	1	83	1
44	1	64	1	84	Nil.
45	1	65	Nil.	85	1
46	1	66	1	86	2
47	1	67	1	87	2
48	2	68	Nil.	88	1
49	1	69	1	89	2
50	1	70	1	90	1
51	1	71	Nil.	91	Nil.
52	1	72	1	92	1
53	Nil.	73	1	93	2
54	1	74	1	94	1
55	1	75	2	95	2
56	Nil.	76	Nil.	96	2
57	1	77	1	97	1
58	1	78	1	98	2
59	1	79	2	99	2
60	1	80	Nil.	100	1
61	1	81	1		
62	1	82	Nil.		
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